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Inspection Date: April 19, 2016

Subsequent Visit Date(s): March 10, 2016
July 15, 2016

Technical Assistance Date(s): January 21, 2016
May 2, 2016

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INTRODUCTION

The new Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards are in the process of being adopted, therefore the 20th annual evaluation of the Dearborn County Juvenile Center consisted of an audit of the current 26 mandatory compliance standards or the corresponding 16 newly proposed mandatory compliance standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards is required to attain “Full Compliance”.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county	Dearborn
Governing authority	Dearborn Circuit Court
Name of facility administrator	Traci Agner
Detention facility’s mission	The Dearborn County Juvenile Center has been established for the protection and detention of youths in the least restrictive alternative of care. Specifically, the Juvenile Center shall: A. Provide for the juvenile’s basic needs, such as shelter, food, clothing, and medical care. B. Prevent the abridgment of the juvenile’s legal rights during his/her detainment at the facility.

	<p>C. Provide for physical, emotional, religious, educational and social needs of juveniles during detainment.</p> <p>D. House the juveniles in a safe and humane environment.</p> <p>E. Maintain the level of security necessary with the Juvenile Center to prevent escape and assure that juveniles live free of fear from assaults or intimidation by staff or other juveniles.</p>
Rated capacity	20
Population on date of audit	11
Average daily population for the last 12 months	6
Average length of stay for the last 12 months	13 days
Year the building was built	1956
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)	Installed new tile in the foyer, intake office, and classroom, in the kitchen, intake area, and resident sleeping rooms.
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system)	Two new DVR's for security video surveillance and all new door handles and locks.
De-escalation techniques training	No specific techniques
Physical force techniques training	Aikido Control Training (ACT)
Chemical agents permitted	Only by law enforcement in an emergency
Name of food service provider	Dearborn County Law Enforcement Center Kitchen
Name of food service supervisor	Linda Kreinhop
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Samantha Wood, DO
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Karen Whitner, MSW

INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 16 MANDATORY STANDARDS

Auditors	Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann
File Review of the 16 mandatory standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable, and zero (0) mandatory standards were found to be non-compliant. • Dearborn County Juvenile Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.
Facility Tour	The Center was found to be a safe, clean and positive environment for detained youth.
Youth Interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four youth, two female and two male, were interviewed about their experiences at the Center. • All youth reported, without hesitation, feeling safe at the facility. • Youth comments were shared with facility administrators.
Recommendations	None

SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCED AND/OR UNANNOUNCED VISIT(S)

On 3/10/2016, a subsequent visit was conducted of the Dearborn County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Director Agner. The youth were observed participating in education and art classes. The youth were painting murals in the dayroom area under direct supervision of detention staff. The facility population count was five. All youth appeared to be in good health. All areas of the facility appeared to be well-maintained, and the sanitation level in the facility was satisfactory.

On 7/15/2016, a second subsequent visit was conducted of the Dearborn County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Shift Supervisor Belew and the youth were observed participating in painting a mural in the intake area under direct supervision of detention staff. The facility population count is 9 youth. All youth appeared to be in good health and all areas appeared to be well-maintained and sanitation levels in the facility were found to be above average.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VISIT(S)

The Dearborn County Juvenile Detention Center's education technical assistance visit occurred on 1/21/16 and was conducted by Kristin Herrmann. The education program follows the local school corporation's calendar and provides special programming during extended breaks. An instructional day is six hours. Instruction is delivered via an on-site, licensed classroom teacher either utilizing a curriculum created at the facility, overseeing an approved online instructional program or facilitating work assigned from the juvenile's home school. The method of instruction depends on the juvenile's need. Program staff includes one full-time teacher and one part-time teacher.

The Dearborn County Juvenile Detention Center's training and development technical assistance visit occurred on 5/2/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann. The technical assistance provided included identifying key changes to the standards, answering questions, and discussing the facility's training plan.

CONCLUSION

Dearborn County Juvenile Center is in full compliance with the 2016 Indiana Detention Center Standards Audit performed by the Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services.

A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten (10) days from the date of mailing.

Please contact me at (317) 607-6507 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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